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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroshi TAKAHASHI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING A CONVEYANCE UNIT AND A FRONT-SIDE PLATE FRAME STRUCTURE OF SUCH AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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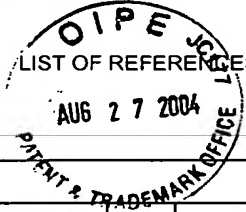
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